

continues to benefit West Virginians today.

Mr. President, today marks the 60th birthday of my colleague, Senator JAY ROCKEFELLER, and I take this opportunity to recognize this milestone for my friend and ally, an outstanding Senator, and a distinguished West Virginian.

You can, perhaps, imagine the eyebrows that were raised initially by West Virginians, or some of them, when the young, energetic, wealthy ROCKEFELLER moved from New York to the foothills of their State.

He took a lot of ribbing early on—and I can tell you that it was not all good natured. Many did not see the match as one of perfect bliss. At best it might have been described as the near equivalent of a James Carville-Mary Matalin union. But JAY ROCKEFELLER endured with determination.

After serving a 2-year term in the West Virginia House of Delegates, ROCKEFELLER served 4 years as Secretary of State. Then, after a 3-year sabbatical from politics during which he served as the President of West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, he ran for and won the West Virginia Governor's seat—not the kind of comfortable, overstuffed chair one might expect a Rockefeller to occupy in West Virginia.

Some in West Virginia have said that the sure way to end a political career in our State is to become Governor. I have referred to it, from time to time, as a good jumping off place—not a place from which I would particularly like to jump. It may well be our State's most unforgiving job. But JAY ROCKEFELLER weathered the rough shoals of gubernatorial service in West Virginia and, in 1984, went on to win a U.S. Senate seat. That says a lot about his resolve, his vision and his determination.

Since his arrival in the Senate, I have watched JAY emerge as a strong leader focusing on the needs and concerns that affect West Virginia and the Nation. He looks beyond the borders of West Virginia. Through his work to improve the quality of life in West Virginia, JAY has also won over many of those who were at first skeptical at the idea of a Rockefeller moving into mountaineer country.

JAY won his people over with hard work. He has focused his efforts on aiding veterans and championed health care issues. Like so many others who throughout the years have been cured by the healing waters of West Virginia's mountain springs, JAY ROCKEFELLER has become an enthusiastic salesman for West Virginia, boasting of its admirable, unequaled attributes to any potential convert and even drawing them in from far-flung locations around the globe. The long arms of JAY ROCKEFELLER have reached even across the Pacific to Japan to help draw business interests to the mountains and valleys of Appalachia. He can speak Japanese. He can write Japanese. He has studied the Japanese language.

I am glad that JAY made that life-changing decision to go to Emmons three decades ago. Since that time he has made great strides toward improving the quality of life for my people in my State, which he has proudly made his adopted home, as I have adopted West Virginia, my home, having been born in North Carolina almost 80 years ago. Today, on his 60th birthday, Senator ROCKEFELLER's efforts to encourage development and prosperity all across West Virginia are well known. I salute his efforts. And Erma and I wish JAY and his wife, Sharon, continued success and happiness for many years to come.

A poet whose name I do not recall said it perhaps best, and I shall use the lines of that poet in saying happy birthday to JAY ROCKEFELLER:

Count your garden by the flowers,  
Never by the leaves that fall;  
Count your days by the sunny hours,  
Not remembering clouds at all.  
Count your nights by stars, not shadows,  
Count your life by smiles, not tears;  
And on this beautiful June morning, Jay,  
Count your age by friends, not years.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, June 17, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,329,352,124,923.40. (Five trillion, three hundred twenty-nine billion, three hundred fifty-two million, one hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred twenty-three dollars and forty cents).

One year ago, June 17, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,137,826,000,000. (Five trillion, one hundred thirty-seven billion, eight hundred twenty-six million).

Five years ago, June 17, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,946,500,000,000. (Three trillion, nine hundred forty-six billion, five hundred million).

Ten years ago, June 17, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,293,495,000,000. (Two trillion, two hundred ninety-three billion, four hundred ninety-five million).

Fifteen years ago, June 17, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,069,969,000,000. (One trillion, sixty-nine billion, nine hundred sixty-nine million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,259,383,124,923.40 (Four trillion, two hundred fifty-nine billion, three hundred eighty-three million, one hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred twenty-three dollars and forty cents) during the past 15 years.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DALE BUMPERS OF ARKANSAS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, with sadness, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable member of the U.S. Senate, the senior Senator from Arkansas, DALE BUMPERS. Senator BUMPERS has announced his retirement after more than 25 years in public service, including the last 22 years in the U.S. Senate. When DALE BUMPERS leaves the Senate

at the end of next year to return to his family and his beloved Arkansas, I will miss his leadership and his friendship tremendously.

There has rarely been a Senator in this body with the courage of his convictions like DALE BUMPERS. During his time here, he has stood up valiantly for the causes he believes in. He has been an advocate for his home State and has fought against a number of Government projects that he felt were wasteful or inefficient. His object has always been to protect the people of Arkansas and the American taxpayer. We have not always agreed with each other on the merits of every project. But I have always been able to count on Senator BUMPERS' integrity, his honesty, and his good humor.

When Senator BUMPERS retires, I think my colleagues will agree that the back of the Senate Chamber will never be the same. In an institution known for its orators, Senator BUMPERS is among the most accomplished of them. His passion for public debate, and his commitment to justice have been obvious to all Senators when DALE BUMPERS takes the floor of the Senate. He speaks with eloquence and with feeling, whether the issue is protecting our environment or cutting corporate welfare.

Throughout his career in public service, Senator BUMPERS has remained true to his constituents by being a strong advocate for his home State of Arkansas. He knows that a Senator's ultimate responsibility is to the people of his State. As a result of his advocacy and his honesty, Arkansas voters have returned him to Washington three times with landslide re-election victories. I have no doubt that the voters of Arkansas would have made it a fourth re-election landslide if he wished.

Senator BUMPERS' insights into the issues and problems we address in the Senate, and in his Environment and Public Works Committee have made him a valuable and trusted Member of this body. Our leadership, the Senate, and most of all the State of Arkansas have greatly benefited from his service.

I believe that I speak for all of my colleagues when I say that the departure of Senator BUMPERS will leave a void in this institution. As he approaches retirement, I want to thank DALE BUMPERS for his service to his country and congratulate him for his extraordinary career. I wish him excellent health and happiness in retirement, and I will truly miss him.

#### U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending June 13, the U.S. imported 9,391,000 barrels of oil each day, 989,000 barrels more than the 8,402,000 imported each day during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 59.6 percent of their needs last week,